

Announcing a Trilogy: Environmental Assessment in the Information Society

**11th SETAC LCA Case Studies Symposium
2003 European Meeting of the International Society for Industrial Ecology
21st Swiss LCA Discussion Forum**

Environmental Assessment in the Information Society

Dear Colleagues,

The 21st Swiss LCA Discussion Forum will be held together with the 11th SETAC LCA Case Studies Symposium and the 2003 European Meeting of the International Society for Industrial Ecology at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, a dynamic research organisation not far from the Geneva International Airport-Switzerland.

The joint event is planned as a two-day meeting from **Wednesday, December 3**, in the morning to **Thursday, December 4**, in the afternoon. The Symposium is organised together with the International Society for Industrial Ecology and the Swiss Discussion Forum, cross-fertilizing the competences of the different communities for this joint meeting on **Environmental Assessment in the Information Society**. Topics to be addressed include:

1. Environmental impacts of new materials
2. Environmental impacts of the ICT (Information and Communication Technology) infrastructure
3. Environmental impacts of services, dematerialization
4. Environmental impacts and benefits of e-commerce and related ICT applications
5. Implication of ICT on consumption and rebound effects

We hope that this event will interest you,

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Annual series of the discussion forum:

People who did subscribe for the complete 2003 annual series of the discussion forums will have a refund at the entrance if they apply for at least one day of the SETAC/ISIE/DF event (60 € for scientific collaborator and 30 € for students).

Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission

Opportunities to collaborate with the European Commission JRC in the context of Modelling/LCA/Waste/

The Soil and Waste unit at the European Commission has an interest in applying LCA to help guide waste management policy and decision making. We would like to hear from you on your related activities.

In particular, we currently have opportunities for a **visiting scientist/detached national expert** to work on waste management related projects in/from the EU candidate countries and specifically applying LCA to help guide related decision making processes. See the following URL for further information of these and related opportunities: <http://www.jrc.cec.eu.int/enlargement/action2003>

Please find below links for possibilities for collaborations with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission at the PhD level, the post doctoral level, and for thesis-related collaborations. The JRC (<http://www.jrc.cec.eu.int/>) provides sound scientific support to underpin EU policymaking. These are good opportunities for highly motivated and sharp candidates to be funded by the Commission, while also collaborating with high quality academic institutes.

- Call of interest for PhD and post docs include areas such as multimedia/soils modelling and LCA/reference database/waste management: <http://ies.jrc.cec.eu.int/fellowship/3039.pdf> (category 30 – post doc)
<http://ies.jrc.cec.eu.int/fellowship/3039.pdf> (category 20 – PhD)
- Many more options for other disciplines and general related information can be found at: <http://ies.jrc.cec.eu.int/jobs/>
- Call of interest related to citizens of candidate countries include waste management/LCA: <http://www.jrc.cec.eu.int/enlargement/action2003/ies-i02.doc>
- More general related information and other opportunities in other domains are available at: <http://www.jrc.cec.eu.int/enlargement/action2003> (see also related workshop announcement <http://www.jrc.cec.eu.int/enlargement/action2003/ies-w03.doc>)
- For opportunities for trainee placements (stages) within the Commission as part of thesis (masters or PhD) studies: <http://ies.jrc.cec.eu.int/trainees/>
- For other opportunities related to researcher mobility, for example to facilitate collaborations and exchanges: http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/mariecurie-actions/home_en.html

In all cases, please also feel free to contact directly the relevant JRC expert within your area of interest after consulting the relevant links. Administrative contacts are also provided for further information in the links.

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